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HISTORICAL NOTES.

THE FORTS NEAR BEAUFORT.—The following extract from the journal of the Commons House of Assembly for Thursday, November 18, 1731, will prove of interest in connection with the article on Beaufort,, published in the July issue of this magazine:

Upon Motion it was ordered y^t. M^r. Delabere be excused his attendance on this House being employed on the Publick service of this Province in building the fort for the Independant Company at Port Royal.

AN INTERESTING LETTER OF 1746.—The following letter from Christopher Gadsden to Henry Laurens has been kindly loaned for publication here by Miss Anne Deas Gadsden, of Charleston:

Addressed: To
M^r. Henry Laurens,
To be left at the Carolina
Coffe House in Birchen
Lane
per his London
Maj^r. Ship
Kingsale.

Aldborⁿ. in Louishbourgh Harb^r. 11th Sep^r. 1746.
Dear Harry

The inclosed Letter I rec^d. from your Father when I came from Carolina to deliver you in Boston where I thought we shou'd have touch'd, We arriv'd here the 26th ult.— To morrow we are to Sail to New Yorke to convoy some Vessels bound there & from thence we are to proceed as soon as possible to our Station agⁿ. I left [paper worn] from you & reminded your Business there in mentioned to Jo Pickering when I left Charles Town.

As this Letter will come wth the Fleet, it will be needless to write you any News, or indeed do I know of

any worth mentioning. This is a very pretty Place but a bitter cold one—The Kingsale & Hind bro^t. in 7th. Inst a ship they took in Canada River worth £10,000 Sterl^g. We have a Rumour here that the French Fleet & Transports are on this Coast, if so, we stand a fine Chance for a Golden Chain or a Wodden Legg, for we can't well miss them in our Passage to New Yorke.

A little before I left Carolina I remitted M^r. Crockatt on my own acc^t. an undoubted good Bill for one hundred pounds Sterl^g. w^{ch} trouble my Intimacy wth you induced me to give him; I have wrote to [missing] by this opp^y. I believe I shall have Occasion to draw on him for twenty or thirty Pounds when I get to New Yorke w^{ch}. I begg you'll acquaint him of.

Dear Harry

I am out of your Class, for I was married a few Days before I left Carolina to miss Jenny Godfrey, but never more than at Present

Your sincere Friend & most

Humble Serv^t.

Christ Gadsden.

I begg you'll informe me in yours the Prizes of Goods from Time to Time of Carolina Produce, or of Prize Goods, I may Sometimes have opportunity to purchase some to advantage.

C G

HUTSON.—The following additions and corrections are offered to the Hutson genealogy published in the July issue of this *Magazine*:

Charles Jones Colcock Hutson (25) married, May 21, 1868, Theodora Octavia Colcock, daughter of William Ferguson Colcock and Emmaline Lucia Huguenin, his wife. Thomas Woodward Hutson (27) married, as his second wife (his first wife having died), at Greenville, January 13, 1880, R. Dorothea Furman, daughter of Rev James Furman, the latter performing the ceremony.

William Maine Hutson (30) was born at McPhersonville June 21, 1847; was educated in common schools of the

State; left school at the age of seventeen and enlisted in the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery, S. C. V., C. S. P. A., August 11, 1864, serving to April 26, 1865, and surrendering with Johnston's army at Greensboro and being paroled; engaged in the insurance business shortly after the war and is still in that business with head quarters at Aiken; organized the Bank of Aiken, now one of the oldest and most successful State banks in South Carolina, and served as cashier thereof for nearly two years, resigning in order to give more time to his insurance business; compiled the Hutson genealogy referred to above.

Charlotte Matilda Hutson (77) was married, April 21, 1880, to Benjamin W. Martin, of Beaufort County.

It is Arthur Cary (not Carey) Hutson (100), and it is Emily St. Pierre (not St. Clair) Hutson (116).

REV. WILLIAM SCREVEN.—The following notes extracted by Miss Mabel Louise Webber, Librarian of the South Carolina Historical Society, from records in the Maine Historical Society at Portland, sustain the contention of Mr. Henry A. M. Smith, in his paper on Georgetown, published in the April issue of this *Magazine*¹ that Rev. William Screven did not come to South Carolina in 1682 as asserted in *Carolina in the Olden Times* and the *History of the First Baptist Church in Charleston*. He was in Kittery, Maine, in January, 1696, and in January, 1698, he purchased lands in Craven County, South Carolina. The Maine records show him to have been a victim of the Puritan intolerance of his time, for in 1682 he was tried, fined, and placed under bonds of good behavior for preaching according to his faith; but the abstracts, chiefly from the York deeds, show that for the next fourteen years he remained in Kittery, and took part in the affairs of the town, not leaving at once for South Carolina with the majority of his congregation, as has been previously asserted in most accounts of him.

November 15, 1673, William Seely, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Seely, conveyed to William Screven 10 acres called Charles Point on the west side of Spruce Creek, Kittery. (York Deeds)

¹See pages 87-88.

Mr. W^m. Screven tried and placed under bonds for good behavior, at the August Session of the Council, 1682. (Records of Probate Court, August 17, 1688; Bachus's *History of the Baptists*, Vol. 1.)

"William Scrivin's" one of the appraisers of the estate of John Hill, of Kittery, November 19, 1682. (*Maine Wills*.)

Richard Cutt to William Scriven, deed of sale, 20 acres at Spruce Creek, near the bridge in Kittery, July 22, 1686. (York Deeds, Vol. 4, fol. 68.)

William Screven witness to a deed dated July 27, 1686. (York Deeds, Vol. 5.)

William Screven an overseer and witness to the will of Ephraim Crockett, of Kittery, July 17, 1688. (*Maine Wills*.)

Court of Sessions, October 6, 1691: Mr. William Screven, with others, appointed to settle a boundary dispute. (York Deeds, Vol. 5.)

William Scriven a witness to a controversy deed at Kittery, April 18, 1692. (York Deeds, Vol. 5.)

William Screven witness to a deed between Richard Cutt and Robert Cutt, dated Kittery, June 28, 1692. (York Deeds, Vol. 4.)

Court of Sessions of the Peace, held at York, April 4, 1693: Mr. William Screven and Richard Cutt fined 13s. 4d. apiece for non appearance on the Jury. Passed by. (York Deeds, Vol. 5.)

Court of Sessions, County of York, July 4, 1693. Mr. William Screven foreman of the Grand Jury, and also appointed to serve on jury for next year.

William Screven foreman of Grand Jury, October 3, 1693. (York Deeds, Vol. 5.)

Mr. William Scrivin chosen Deputy or Representative, October 23d, 1693. (MS. notes of Hon. Mark Dennett, p. 21.)

Petition of William Scriven in behalf of the town of Kittery, dated October 16, 1694, that the taxes be omitted for a year. (*Old Elliott*, Vol. 2, p. 92.)

William Screven witness to a mortgage of Robt Cutt, Kittery, January 24, 1695/6. (York Deeds, Vol. 4, fol. 112.)

William Screven: Power of attorney to his son Robert Screven, dated Charles Town, Carolina, June 12, 1704. Witnessd before Alexd^r. Parris, by John Potts and Obed^h. Wakefield. (York Deeds, Vol. 7.)

Robert Screven sold to Nicholas Frost (both of Kittery) by power of attorney from his father William Screven in Charles Town, South Carolina, land in Crooked Lane, with dwelling house, "being the late homestead of my father, conveyed to him by my uncle Mr. Richard Cutt", November 20, 1704. (York Deeds, Vol. 6.)

William Screven, by Robert Screven, attorney, conveyed to Robert Cutt, 10 acres on the west side of Spruce Creek, known as Kearle's Point, and 20 acres adjacent to the above in Kittery, January 16, 1704/5. (York Deeds, Vol. 7.)

William Screven, by Robert Screven, attorney, conveyed to Robert Cutt, one-fourth of the tract on the east side of Spruce Creek, adjacent to Crockett's Neck, in Kittery, 1705. (York Deeds, Vol. 7.)